Out of the 6,000 acres handed over to lease holders for the production of food, a very good portion is dry land. In addition to this 6,000 acres which have been given for food production under the Food Production Scheme, over 1500 acres of dry lands have also been given for food production under a scheme prepared by the Forest Department.

With regard to the provision of Rs. 7,000 for expenditure for food production in the Budget of the Forest Department, the amount covers the expenditure of future surveys and the pay of the special staff employed to direct re-generation operation and supervise the work that is done in areas leased out for food production.

With regard to the provision of supply of bamboos for areas in Kuttanad, applications are coming in for enormous quantities from a particular part of the reserved forest in which bamboos are very deficient. The applicants have therefore been directed to certain areas in the Northern Division, near the Periyar river, where permits for collection of bamboos would be given to a very much larger extent than in the areas in the Kottayam or Central Division where the quantity of bamboos is very limited. Moreover there will be no great difficulty to get bamboos therefrom to the Kuttanad area because water transport is easily accessible. It may, at the most, take a day or two more for the bamboos to reach the destination. Arrangements are being made for the supply of bamboos from other tracts.

It may not always be possible to supply every timber depot direct from timber felling areas on a particular river. It is often found necessary to transport timber from one depot to another. Arrangements have been made for the transport of timber from certain other depots to the Depot at Quilon and it will be possible for the honourable member to get the timber that he requires in a very short time.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 14,45,195 under Demand IV—Forest was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND V—REGISTRATION.

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4,60,046 under Demand V—Registration.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I oppose the Demand, I wish to bring to the pointed attention of the Director, the absolute necessity for a Sub-Registrar's office at Maranallur.

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[Mr. T. Krishna Pillai.]

I have been bringing this matter to the notice of the present Director ever since he took charge of his office as the Director of Registration. Formerly there was a Sub-Registrar's office at Maranallur and that office, was taken to a distant out-of-the-way corner—Kattakada, and is suffered to continue under the name "Maranallur Sub-Registrar's Office". Lately a temporary office has been sanctioned by Government, and I would earnestly ask the Director, to locate one of the offices in Maranallur Pakuthy. If the Maranallur Sub-Registrar's office is not to be taken back to the Maranallur pakuthy, or the temporary office either, I would, from an aesthetic and linguistic point of view request the Director to change the name of the permanent office, as it sounds odd and looks rediculous if not quixotic to continue naming the office as "Maranallur Sub-Registrar's Office" and locating it not only in a different pakuthy but in an entirely different taluq.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, I support the demand. In doing so I am very glad to note that the Director of Registration is very busy in wiping out corruption and we all know that he has done very useful work in that line already. There is increase of work in almost all Sub-Registrar's offices. I would, in this connection, request the Director to open more Sub-Registrar's offices or appoint more clerks in the existing offices whereever there is heavy work. In this connection I may refer to the Sub-Registrar's office at Haripad. The Sub-Registrar there is a very honest and efficient officer. He sits very late and he compels the clerks in the office to sit very late so that there may not be any arrears. I understand that the Director makes a note of the arrears of work wherever he goes and if there are no arrear he takes it for granted that everything is alright and nothing more need be done. Generally, that is the case. But I think an exception must be made with regard to the Sub-Registrar's office at Haripad to which I adverted. The Director might have direct information of the nature and volume of work that is being carried out there. During the current year, I learn that more than 10,000 documents have been registered in that office. The value covering the documents and the volume of the work are so big that unless one or two clerks more are appointed to that Sub-Registrar's office, the employees there will find it very difficult to cope with the actual work. There may be other offices also where the conditions is the same. I want to draw the attention of the member concerned and the Government particularly to this point. With these words I support the Demand.

Mr. T. K. Kitten സർ, രജിസ്ട്രേ കച്ചേരികൾ പലതും വാടകകെട്ടിടത്തിലാണിട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു. വളരെ വിലപിടിച്ചുള്ള റിക്കാഡുകൾ സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതു, നിശ്ചയമായും ഗവണ്മെൻറുവക നല്ല ഉറപ്പുള്ള കെട്ടി

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ടങ്ങളിൽ വേണം. ൧൯൨൨-ൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു വാടകയ്ക്കു എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള കെട്ടിടങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു കണക്കു ചോദിച്ചപ്പോൾ വാടകയിനത്തിൽ അന്നു ൧൦൫൦൦൦ രൂപയാണു കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നതെന്നു പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. തുടർന്നു അന്നത്തെ ചീഫ സെക്രട്ടറി പറഞ്ഞു ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഭീമമായ സംഖ്യ വാടക കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു സ്കീം ഉണ്ടെന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ആവശ്യമുള്ള സകല കെട്ടിടങ്ങളും സ്വന്തമായി ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണെന്നും പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ആ കാര്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറു പ്രത്യേകമായി ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും രജിസ്ട്രർ കച്ചേരികൾക്കു ബലമുള്ളതും സൗകര്യമുള്ളതുമായ കെട്ടിടങ്ങളിൽതന്നെ സ്ഥാപിക്കേണ്ടതാണു.

Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar : Sir, I support the Demand. In doing so I have to express my heartfelt appreciation of the development of the Department to a much larger dimension than before. The number of documents registered have enhanced considerably owing to the large amount of money flowing into the country. Increase of revenue is partly due to the more efficient administration of the Department and also due to the passing of the Registration Amendment Act, enhancing the rate of registration fees. The issue of circulars and reviews are very useful to the officers of the Registration Department since they are not put to the necessity of making frequent references to the old Text books of the British Indian Act. That has considerably enhanced the efficiency of the department and reduced the troubles of the Sub-Registrars.

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : Sir, I am very sorry that the honourable member Mr. Krishna Pillai thought of opposing the whole Demand for the sake of transferring a Sub-Registrar's office from Kattakada to Maranallur or for the sake of an additional office at Ooroottambalam. Maranallur is an out of the way place about twelve miles from Trivandrum where it happened that this year as many as 13,389 documents were registered during the last eleven months. The number of documents registered in most offices throughout the State has been so great that it was found necessary to open additional offices in some parts of the State. Eleven offices were so opened and they are intended to meet a very temporary situation ; it is eminently doubtful whether the same conditions will continue after the war. At Maranallur it was found necessary to establish an additional office and it is housed in the same building. As a matter of fact the office is held in one of the rooms of the same building to meet the convenience of the document writers, the parties etc. This office is catering to the needs of certain pakuthies

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[Mr. K. Madhava Kurup.]

of the Nedumangad taluk and certain pakuthies of the Neyyattinkara taluk. An attempt has been going on for a considerable length of time to transfer the office from its present location I have always been surprised very much at the enthusiasm displayed by some honourable members and others for transfering a Sub-Registrar's office from one particular place to another.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the office is held in the pakuthy over which it has jurisdiction or in some other pakuthy?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: There is no rule that a Sub-Registrar's office should be located only in a pakuthy over or which it has jurisdiction. Besides, under the new Registration Amendment Act, documents can validly be registered in any office and there is no question of jurisdiction.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: In that case may I know whether at least the name of the office will be changed. Now it is named as the Maranallur Sub-Registrar's office, though it is situated at Kattakada.

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: These temporary offices are opened to meet the present abnormal conditions. The general question of serving the jurisdiction of offices is under consideration and Government have ordered that as far as possible, Sub-Registrar's offices might be located in their own jurisdiction.

With regard to the holding of Sub.Registrar's offices in Government buildings, the policy of Government is well known. They have approved of a five year programme for the housing of Sub-Registrar's offices in Government buildings. Buildings designed for residential purposes are most unsuited for public offices particularly Sub Registry offices. In Sub-Registry offices safety of the records is a vital consideration because very valuable records are kept there. Of the eighty permanent Sub-Registrar's offices only about forty are held in Government buildings. All except one of the temporary offices are held in rented buildings. The scheme for putting up buildings is under the consideration of Government. In the Budget for 1119, there is provision for putting up a building for the Pathanamthitta Sub-Registrar's office and another for housing three Registration offices in Kottayam town.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,60,046 under Demand V—Registration was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—RAILWAYS.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 59,300 under Demand VI—Railways.

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